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*Dedicated to the memory of
Professor Daniel Miles McFarland (1923–1999).
Dan was the first author of the Historical Dictionary
of Ghana (1984) and my co-author for the second edition of 1995.
He was a gentleman and a great teacher.*

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ZIRILE. (Shirili, Zerile, Zirli, Zitiri). Early 15th-century ruler of Pusiga. Son of Na Gbewa of Pusiga, and brother of Yennenga (Kachiogo), Tohogo, Sitobu, Nnantombo (Ngamtambo), and Kufogo. Zirile was the oldest son of Gbewa, but Gbewa wanted Kufogo to rule after him. Zirile killed his brother and took the **skin** of Pusiga. The children of Na Gbewa founded the Mole-Dagbani states.

ZONGO. The strangers' quarters or section of a town.

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INTRODUCTION

The bibliographical titles in this volume are organized under various sub-headings to facilitate quick reference. It should be noted, however, that the entries here do not represent a complete bibliography of Ghana—the reason is that the various fields for which bibliographical information is provided are so varied and extensively researched that it is impossible to assemble a complete list. This third edition of the historical dictionary therefore continues to serve as useful source for historical information on Ghana. Other sources relevant for searching bibliographical materials on the country are available at such sites as that of the Ghana Studies Council. This international association of scholars on Ghana publishes the academic journal, *Ghana Studies*, as well as an annual newsletter that lists the current publications of more than 300 members.

Information on Ghanaian newspapers (1995 to date) can be accessed electronically at www.ghanaweb.com. Materials on governmental agencies

can also be accessed at www.gov.ghana.gh, while the Public Records and Archives Administration (National Archives) holds considerable colonial documents. Of course, information on Ghana at the Public Records Office (London), the various overseas missionary archives, and the great institutional collections at the Northwestern University Africana Library (Evanston, Illinois) cannot be overlooked. But in addition to these, there are a number of recognized nongovernmental organizations that publish relevant occasional papers on current national developments that cannot be found at any library. Among them: the Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD) at www.cdd-ghana.org, the Institute of Economic Affairs (IEA), the Center for Policy Analysis (CEPA), the Integrated Social Development Center (ISODEC) Ghana at www.isodec.org.gh, the Konrad Adenauer Foundation (KAF), and the Frederick Ebert Foundation at ghanafes-international.de/pages/links, as well as the Collections and Conference Papers of the Institute of African Studies at the University of Ghana. It must be mentioned that the reference materials listed in the Bibliographies and Guides section below are particularly important for the development of additional readings.

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